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Good afternoon,

Please see below, the Semaphore Short for this week. Hope you are keeping well and enjoying the slight bursts of Spring we are starting to see.

Best wishes,

Mary Prescott

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SEMAPHORE SHORT

MONDAY 14th March 2022





ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION

Coming to you from a grey Pompey...

We have a mixed bag for you today shipmates – everything from **Standard Bearers** to a corpse floating in the Atlantic off the south coast of Spain... No time to waste -let's get on with the business at hand.

Quick Army v Navy rugby update: Once again the RNA has been allocated a number of tickets for the big match at Twickenham this year on the 30th April 2022. Central Office are attempting to negotiate a reduction in the ticket price which hopefully we will be able to announce next week but in the meantime block out your diaries!

Fireside Chat with Anthony Moth

This evening's Fireside Chat at 1830 is presented by **Anthony Moth**, who will talk about **Capt Godfrey Herbert**, a Naval officer who **cheated death** on more than one occasion and found himself at the heart of many tales of derring-do (and the odd controversy) in submarines and Q-ships, mainly during World War 1.

Please join us with a tot in hand at **1830** this evening (Monday 14th March)...

[Join the Fireside Chat here](#)

Can you engage?

The RNA and RNRMC (Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity) are looking to 'share' an **new employee** in the West Country – but if you would like to be considered you will have to be quick as **the deadline is this Wednesday, 16th March!**

Applications for the role of **South-Western Engagement Officer** are invited. Based in **Plymouth**, this post will be **35 hours a week** (full time) covering the South-West of England and Wales, maximising engagement with supporters of both charities both within and outside the Naval service.

The charities are looking for a **strategic thinker, excellent communicator and competent administrator**, amongst other things.

For an informal discussion about the role, contact Bob field, Fundraising and Merchandise Manager at RNRMC, at: bob.field@nrncm.org.uk or on 02393871536

The application form is available [here](#).

Branch admin

A gentle reminder to **branch secretaries** – your **Year End Branch Returns** must be submitted to Central Office no later than **30th April** – see Branch Bye-Law B19 © for full details.

This should **not** be confused with the Annual Return required by the Charity Commission if your Branch is registered as a charity other than under the RNA's national charity No.266982.

Raising the Standard

Standard Bearers are reminded that applications for this year's **National Standard Bearers Competition** at HMS Collingwood in Fareham, to be held on **Saturday 7th May**, are now being accepted.

There are two competitions – the main **National Standard Bearer Open Competition** and the **Novice Competition**– so whether you are an old hand at this or just starting out, you could certainly play your part in proceedings.

Name should be submitted to either S/M Andy Christie at andy@royalnavalassoc.com or to the National Ceremonial Advisor, S/M Bob Coburn, at robertcoburn001@btinternet.com by **2nd April**.

You should include:

- The entrant's name with date of birth and the name of any guests with their dates of birth
- Whether accommodation in HMS Collingwood is required on Friday/Saturday night
- Vehicle registration details.

Spectators are also welcome – again, forward names, dates of birth and vehicle registrations to Andy or Bob.

Are you ready for some Mincemeat?

For those shipmates who enjoy good spy stories, thrillers, and war films, with a heavy slant towards the Senior Service you could have a treat coming up – a serving of Mincemeat!

Op Mincemeat was the bold plan to deceive the Germans into thinking that the Allies were planning to **invade Greece in 1943** when their real target was Sicily.

A successful deception would make the landings easier by persuading Axis forces to bolster defences elsewhere, so Naval intelligence officers dreamed up a bizarre scheme which, in the words of Warner Bros studios, “centred on the most unlikely of secret agents: **a dead man**.”

This true story of how a corpse floating off the south coast of Spain **changed the course of the war** is told by Warner Brothers in the film 'Operation Mincemeat', due to be released on **15th April**.

Starring **Colin Firth** as Lt Cdr Ewen Montagu, the brains behind the idea, the film also stars Matthew MacFadyen, Penelope Wilton, Kelly Macdonald and Mark Gatiss, and is directed by John Madden.

More details of the film, and the official Warner Bros trailer, can be seen [here](#).

Typhoon 3000 naming ceremony

Falkland's veterans are invited to attend the **Naming Ceremony** of the Royal Navy's newly acquired **Jack-Up Barge (JUB)** which will take place in her **Majesty's Naval Base Portsmouth** on **4th April 2022** from **0930-1130**.

The JUB, which was procured from Ravestein BV in the Netherlands will be used for the lifting of Hunt Class warships for delivery for their deep maintenance projects delivered from within the Ship Hall. This unique and critical asset will provide reduced upkeep duration and cost, achieving greatly improved ship availability.

The vessel will be named **Typhoon 3000** in recognition of **RMAS Typhoon's contribution to the Falklands conflict 40 years ago**. Typhoon, under the command of **Captain John Morris**, who was later relieved by **Captain Bruce Stephens**, was the first ship to sail south, departing Portland Naval Base on 4th April 1982, with a civilian crew augmented with Royal Naval personnel. She returned home on 24th September 1982 after providing essential and sterling logistics support, including transferring fresh water to the Task Force, playing a key role in the preparations for the San Carlos landings and towing **RFA Sir Galahad** out to sea to be scuttled.

Please **RSVP** to navybcp-nbcevents@mod.gov.uk by **18th March 2022**.



Help save HMS Bronington

A further plea for help. As a result of articles published in the RNA's Semaphore Short (21st February 2022) and Royal Navy [website](#), the **HMS BRONINGTON Preservation Trust** is soon to receive a **very generous donation from our shipmates at the RNA Liverpool Branch (via Brian Smith – Treasurer)**.

The HMS Bronington Preservation Trust have now raised almost **£6000.00** in the 'Help Restore HMS Bronington' **GoFundMe** appeal. The comments received from their donors are heart warming, the site can be visited [here](#).

On the 2nd March 2022 the Bronington Trust had a meeting alongside the ship at Birkenhead with MOD (Navy), Cammell Laird, Salvage/Diving specialists and Peel Ports representatives. The meeting went extremely well and hopefully recovery efforts will soon be moving apace, but they '**desperately**' need more money to save this historic Royal Navy Mine Hunter from the breakers yard.

Any donation, large or small, will be gratefully appreciated.

Calling all Jubilee Shipmates

Did you join the RN/WRNS/QARNNS in 1952? The Royal Naval Engagements team are looking for Veterans who joined up in 1952 so that they can reach out to them with information regarding The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.

The exact details of the festivities are not yet known. However, if you joined up in 1952 (or know anyone who did) and would like to be contacted with further information, please call Sara in Central office – 02392723747 or email: sara@royalnavalassoc.com



- **Saturday Night: Virtual Tot Time**

Every Saturday Night, for almost 2 years now, members from the Wrexham Branch have been hosting a Virtual Tot, inviting members worldwide to join in with them over Zoom. It's proven a lifeline and outlet for many of the RNA community, and they don't intend to wrap it up any time soon. To be involved, click on the link below...

[Find out more](#)

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If you haven't done so already, join the growing community group on Facebook where our members spin dits, host Zoom nights and update each other on branch activities. It's the best place to get your news hot-off-the-press...

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